

Eddie A. Perez Mayor

MAYOR PEREZ SAYS STATE "ON RIGHT TRACK" WITH COMMUTER RAIL AND BUSWAY PLAN

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(January 23, 2006)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez is pleased to see that Governor Rell is exploring a transportation plan that includes a commuter rail service linking Hartford to Springfield and New Haven.

Mayor Perez says, "I remember standing with several of my fellow mayors more than a year ago, touting such a project. We called it a path to progress. This is about linking people to jobs and opportunity and providing easy and accessible transportation to our visitors."

Mayor Perez goes on to say, "More than 120,000 people work in Hartford. Commuter trains and busways will provide fuel-efficient alternatives that are good for our economy and good for our environment."

Mayor Perez adds, "I look forward to hearing more details about the plan as it could work in conjunction with my efforts with state lawmakers to retain and grow high-paying jobs in the Capital City."

Cost and funding details of this transportation development initiative are expected to be unveiled next month.